

## This Week's News

**Friday 6th June 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. It has been lovely to see the children back at school and hearing about the things they have been up to in the holidays. The weather has been very changeable this week so please make sure your child has a coat with arms in school each day. We have had some new arrivals this week in school, we are growing our own caterpillars in Cherry and Maple Class and we are looking forward to watching them develop. We have also hatched 5 beautiful ducklings. They were born on Tuesday and Wednesday and all the classes in school have had the opportunity to see them in the incubator before hatching and had them in the classroom this week. They have grown so much already! The children have loved watching them and have been helping to take care of them. Each class will soon have the chance to choose names for them before they go to their new homes.

Cherry Class have had a very exciting week in class watching the ducklings hatch. In PSHE, they have started their 'Changing Me' unit, and this week the children have been learning to label body parts such as arms, legs, knees, shins, and elbows.

Maple Class have been using their navigation skills to find their way around a pirate map using the four main compass points in Geography. In Literacy, they have been busy writing their narrative about a missing object inspired by the book they have been reading together called 'The Lost Homework'. Maple Class have also been practising their sprinting skills in PE with a mix of tactics talk and fun games.

Chestnut Class took part in the Tag Rugby Festival for year 3 and 4 this week at Harpenden Rugby Club. We took the whole class, who were split into 3 teams. Each team was scheduled to play 13 matches. Unfortunately, the wet weather meant they only got to play 8 each. However, despite the weather, all of the children participated in the event, worked well as a team and had the opportunity to score a number of tries for their team. We were proud of this teamwork, resilience and good attitude on what turned out to be a fun but very soggy sporting event! Many thanks to parents for transporting and supporting the children.

Bonsai Class have begun preparations for their class assembly. The children have chosen the topics they would like to discuss and have spent time writing their scripts. In English they have written their own 'twisted tales' whilst in Maths they have begun to explore algebraic reasoning. In PE they have started athletics where the children will ensure they are ready for Sports Day.

Please remember to keep getting sponsors for the ActivKids UK Visit. Sponsorship forms need to be returned as soon as possible. Judoka Lele Nairne will be visiting us on the 17th June.

I wish you all a very pleasant weekend and we send our best wishes to our families who are celebrating Eid Al Adha this weekend.

Best wishes

Jacqui Walton-Jones

Headteacher

### Summer Term Dates coming up

10th June—Seaside Workshop for EYFS / KS1

11th June—Visitors from Roundwood for Y6

12th June—Chestnut Class Assembly

13th June—Bonsai Class Assembly

16th June—Arts Week

16th June—Electric Umbrella Workshops

17th June -Activ Kids Olympian in -Lele Nairne

19th June—Flamstead's Got Talent

20th June—Sports Day

24th June—Y5/6 trip

26th June- Cherry Class Assembly

26th June—Y5 Art workshop

26th—Chestnut Class Trip to College Lake

30th June—Whole school Swimming begins

30th June—Assessment week

2nd July—New EYFS home visits



# Photos of the Week

## Chestnut Class at Tag Rugby at Harpenden Rugby Club



## Our newest arrivals - Ducklings!



# Transition Workshops

There is a parenting workshop being offered to parents/carers across the whole DFS North & East Partnership area to support transition into secondary school. Please see the attached flyer.

**"Top Tips for Transition to Secondary School"** - this workshop will be held **online via MS Teams** on **Wednesday 18th June, 10.00-11.30**

## CPRE ART COMPETITION



**The deadline for the 2025 children's art competition has now been extended until the 25th of July**  
**The theme this year is My adventures in the Countryside—Artwork should be A4, any medium, no computer art**

Children can draw anything related to what they love doing in the Hertfordshire countryside, whether it be the joy of camping under a starry sky, the excitement of riding their bike through muddy puddles, the fun found in exploring a nature trail and spotting wildlife or the thrill of building a den in the woods.

There is a **£500 prize for the winning school** and individual prizes in each age group category, plus a special ceremony in autumn to showcase and celebrate all the young artists.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SUBMIT A SELECTION OF ART FROM OUR TALENTED PUPILS**  
**PLEASE BRING YOUR ENTRIES INTO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 9th June**

For more information on the competition visit:

<https://www.cpreherts.org.uk/news/cpre-hertfordshires-2025-childrens-art-competition/>

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

The Department for Education recently announced that, from 1 April 2025, the rule protecting pupils' free school meal entitlement will end for some.

That means Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) will regularly check pupils' eligibility to ensure they can still get free school meals. If a pupil is no longer eligible, their free school meals will end from this point.

**Applications approved before 1 April 2025 will remain eligible until the pupil finishes their current phase of schooling ie the end of Year 6 (when primary ends).**

Once a pupil moves to their new school phase, HCC will regularly check that the pupil is still eligible for free school meals. Parents with pupils currently in year 2 moving to year 3 will need to reapply for the new academic year. To make an application visit :

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

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All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free lunch at school.

*Children who are currently in Year 2 and moving up to Year 3* in September 2025 will **no longer be entitled** to **Universal Free School Meals.**

## Bright Stars - Friday 6th June 2025

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Lily</b>	For showing great responsibility by helping to tidy the outdoor area and fantastic perseverance in writing her name. Well done, Lily!
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Clyde</b>	For his willingness to listen to feedback and self correct his independent writing to ensure he uses finger spaces.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Milan</b>	For being very gentle and caring with our school ducklings.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ferne</b>	For some fantastic narrative writing in our Literacy lessons about The Lost Lamp.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Olivia</b>	For excellent work with her Times Tables and passing level 17! Olivia you are a Times Tables superstar!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Theo</b>	For determination and perseverance with his Times Tables. Theo is now on level 20! Super work Theo.
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Rupert</b>	For his engagement in Maths this week. Well done Rupert.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Leo</b>	For his focus and effort in English when publishing his twisted tale.

## Attendance this week

Year Group	w/b 2nd June
<b>Nursery</b>	92%
<b>Reception</b>	92%
<b>Year 1</b>	90%
<b>Year 2</b>	97%
<b>Year 3</b>	99%
<b>Year 4</b>	97%
<b>Year 5</b>	99%
<b>Year 6</b>	97%
<b>Please remember not to take holidays in school term time.</b>	

## TTRS and Numbots

Year Group	Who impressed us ?	Percentage of Children online
Nursery	Jessica	13%
Reception	Cayleb	71%
Year 1	Joni	40%
Year 2	Leo and George	54%
Year 3	Louie	100%
Year 4	Rupert	86%
Year 5	Lottie	17%
Year 6	-	0%
<b>Please remember to help your child log on each week. Well done Year 3 who all went onto the online platform.</b>		

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# DSPL8 SEND information Fayre

**SAVE THE DATE**

Thursday 26th June 2025

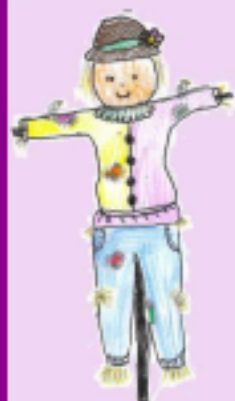
*For Parent and Carers of Children  
with SEN or Disabilities*

At the Warners End Community Centre  
Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead  
HP1 3QG

Any questions email: [dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk)



# Flamstead



# Scarecrow



# Festival

Weekend of 15-17 August 2025

## Volunteers needed

Can you spare a few hours  
over the weekend?

Café



Traffic  
management



Programme  
sales



Parking



Contact us at

[contact@flamsteadscarecrowfestival.co.uk](mailto:contact@flamsteadscarecrowfestival.co.uk)

or phone Janet Bowie on 07703 526382

Remember - all proceeds go to local good causes

## Top Tips for Transition to Secondary School

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
<b>Time</b>	10.00-11.30 <i>Session will be held virtually via MS Teams</i>

### Is your child moving up to secondary school in September?

A **free** workshop for parents/carers with children moving up to secondary school.

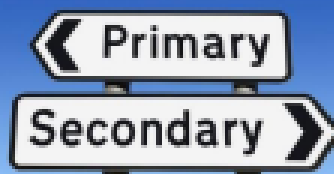
Join us for practical and helpful tips on:

- Communicating with secondary schools
- Developing good organisation skills
- Managing homework
- Staying safe
- Settling in smoothly



For more details and to book please contact:

[jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:jnethercoat@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk)  
Tel: 01442 401222 Ext 5  
Please include contact details and name of child's school when booking



# Strings And Pipes

A Harmonious Dialogue



**Camilla  
Finardi**  
Mandolin

**Viviane  
Loriaut**  
Organ  
Piano

**Friday 27 June 2025**

**7:30pm**

**St Leonard's Church**

**Flamstead**



SCAN ME



Email [tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk](mailto:tickets@musicatstleonards.co.uk)

Or call Anne Françoise - 07577 530825

Tickets £20 / £10 / Children £5



The poster features a background image of a sunlit woodland path. At the top left is the DENS logo with the tagline 'Helping Rebuild Lives'. Below it is the 'Sponsored by SAFRAN' logo. The main title 'WOODLAND TRAIL' is in large white letters inside a dashed white outline, with 'WALK OR RUN' in smaller white letters on a black background to the right. A yellow banner across the middle contains the date and location: 'SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE BERKHAMSTED CASTLE' and the text 'All proceeds help local people facing crisis'. To the right of the banner are two circular icons: one for '5 MILE' and one for '10 MILE'. Below the banner are two photographs: one showing a group of people walking on a path, and another showing a man and a woman running. At the bottom, the website 'DENS.ORG.UK/TRAIL' is displayed in large yellow letters. To the right are logos for 'Supported by: my local NEWS' and 'BERKHAMSTED CASTLE TRUST', along with a QR code. A small registered charity number '1267185' is visible at the bottom left.

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### **DENS Woodland Trail – Saturday 21st June, Berkhamsted Castle**

A scenic community-friendly walk through nature, choose from a 5 or 10-mile walk (or run) through beautiful woodland and countryside. Whether walking as a family, with friends, or enjoying some alone time outdoors, whilst supporting a local charity.

More details at: [www.dens.org.uk/trail](http://www.dens.org.uk/trail)

It's a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy the outdoors, take on a challenge, and help make a difference in their community.

**Every step taken will directly support local people facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.**

